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SUBJECT: WORLD DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE ( WDC)

SUMMARY. AT POLADS MEETING APRIL 10, NETHERLANDS REP CALLED ATTENTION TO UN SYG' S INTENTION TO CONVENE MEETING OF WDC STUDY COMMITTEE AND ASKD FOR FURTHER ALLIED CONSULTATIONS. SEVERAL REPS STATED THEIR AUTHORITIES' POSITIONS. SUBJECT WILL BE ON AGENDA OF APRIL 16 POLADS MEETING. END SUMMARY.

1. NETHERLANDS REP NOTED THAT WALDHEIM NOW PLANNED CALL MEETING CONVENE STUDY COMMITTEE, POSSIBLY AS EARLY AS APRIL 26 ( PER USUN' S 1213). COMMITTEE COULD LEGALLY MEET, HE SAID, IF ONE- FOURTH (8) OF MEMBERS WERE PRESENT, AND VOTES COULD TAKE PLACE IF ONE- HALF (16) WERE PRESENT. IN REQUESTING FURTHER ALLIED CONSULTATIONS IN NATO, NETHERLANDS REP RECALLED FAMILIAR DUTCH POSITION IN FAVOR OF ASSUMING SEAT ON COMMITTEE IF IT MEETS.

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2. ITALIAN REP SAID ITALY WOULD NOT ASSUME ITS SEAT ON STUDY COMMITTEE IF BY SO DOING THIS BROUGHT NUMBER OF

COUNTRIES REPRESENTED UP TO QUORUM (8) OR TO NUMBER NEEDED FOR VOTES (16). OTHERWISE, HE SAID, ITALY WOULD ATTEND SINCE ROME BELIEVED "EMPTY CHAIR" POLICY WAS DANGEROUS.

3. BELGIAN REP OBSERVED THAT UN SYG FELT OBLIGED TO CALL MEETING AND SAID LATEST WORD WAS THAT CHINA WOULD REFUSE PARTICIPATE ON GROUNDS THAT REQUESTS OF REGIONAL GROUPS WERE NOT SATISFIED. BELGIAN REP SAID CHAIRMAN OF STUDY COMMITTEE HAD NOT YET BEEN SELECTED, BUT NETHERLANDS REP SAID MRS. MYRDAL OF SWEDEN HAD BEEN MENTIONED AS CANDIDATE. FRENCH, UK, AND US REPS SAID THEIR AUTHORITIES' VIEWS ON STUDY COMMITTEE HAD NOT CHANGED. US AND UK REP WELCOMED PROPOSED CONSULTATIONS.

4. COMMENT: SUBJECT WILL BE ON AGENDA OF APRIL 16 MEETING, FOR WHICH WE WOULD WELCOME ANY FURTHER ARGUMENTATION WHICH CAN BE PROVIDED AGAINST PARTICIPATION BY ALLIED GOVERNMENTS IN WORK OF STUDY COMMITTEE. IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO HAVE WASHINGTON'S JUDGMENT AS TO NUMBER OF COUNTRIES WHICH WILL BE REPRESENTED AT APRIL 26 MEETING.

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